

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: FAO In-Country Training Program – Italy

1. **PURPOSE:** To provide a summary of the FAO In-Country Training (ICT) program and facilities available in Italy, to assist in selection and arrival time of replacement personnel. Projected FAO trainees should use the information provided to contact incumbent FAO trainees and/or the FAO supervisor as early as possible for more detailed information.

2. **FACTS:**

a. Program Summary:

(1) Tour Length- 13-14 months.

(2) Normal Arrival/Departure Dates- July/August

(3) Program Description- One FAO per year conducts ICT while administratively assigned to the American Embassy Rome's Defense Attaché Office. The ICT program in Italy is flexible and offers diverse opportunities to gain country, regional and language expertise.

A. The FAO attends a two-week course at the Italian Staff College (Scuola di Guerra), designed for foreign military students in Italy to attend the 1st and 2nd year courses at the Scuola di Guerra. While the FAO will not attend either of these, these 2 weeks introduce the officer to Italy and its armed forces, as well as to a host of foreign students who will be in-country during the FAO's ICT tour.

B. The FAO conducts up to a three-month internship in the US Army's TRADOC Liaison Office to the Italian Army. If possible, short internships (~30-day) with the Office of Defense Cooperation and at HQ, Allied Forces South in Naples will be included in the ICT tour. Additionally, the FAO executes a Regional Immersion Plan to accomplish regional travel objectives and to broaden the FAO's regional and host-nation expertise. The FAO also has the opportunity to conduct advanced language training at the Italian Military Language School in Perugia, Italy. Finally, throughout the tour the FAO executes a vigorous self-study program.

(4) Prerequisites- MAJ or CPT; Italian Language 2/2/2 minimum, 3/3/3 preferred; branch immaterial.

b. Property:

(1) Government: Fax machine (Hitachi HF-D22, serial # JP0695-00390) and the FAO library containing about 25 travel books and various maps.

(2) Personal: Ship POV to Naval Support Activity Naples. American and especially large cars are not recommended.

c. Housing: Local economy. FAO receives OHA. FAO is advised to live in one of the various suburbs of Rome.

d. Support Facilities:

(1) Medical: Normal medical and dental care is performed at the Naval Support Activity in Naples, or at Camp Darby in Livorno (each are about 3 hours from Rome). CHAMPUS reimbursable emergency care is available throughout Rome.

(2) Dependent Schooling: English speaking schools are available in Rome. The Embassy's Community Liaison Office has more details.

(3) PX/Commissary: Embassy commissary requires refundable membership fee and generally has slightly higher prices, since it is not associated with the Defense Commissary Agency. Naples and Camp Darby both have good facilities.

e. Language Instruction Availability: Tutoring and schools available.

f. Rater/Senior Rater: AARMA-vacant; ARMA COL Nicholas Ciccarello

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j. Regional Travel Priorities: Priority 1 – Italy, France, Austria, Slovenia, Switzerland; Priority 2 – Croatia, Albania, Greece, Spain, Portugal, Germany; Visits to NATO and SHAPE HQ (during European FAO Conference), and EUCOM and USAREUF HQ should be planned by all FAOs.

3. Additional Information:

a. FAO is advised to bring materials from OAC/CAS³/CGSC.

b. The US Army also sends a MEL-4 student who, in addition to attending the 2 week pre-course, *does* attend the Scuola di Guerra's 2nd year course.

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